DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2002

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund as at March 31, 2002 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 13, 2002

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Notes 3 and 8)	$ 4,519,326	$ 4,302,576
Accounts receivable (Notes 4 and 8)	193,405	96,895
	4,712,731	4,399,471
Capital assets (Note 5)	16,197,613	15,400,722
	$ 20,910,344	$ 19,800,193
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable (Note 8)	$ 167,070	$ 100,308
Net assets:		
Net assets invested in capital assets	16,197,613	15,400,722
Internally restricted net assets (Note 6)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Unrestricted net assets	2,545,661	2,299,163
	20,743,274	19,699,885
	$ 20,910,344	$ 19,800,193

Commitments (Note 7)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2002		2001
	Budget (Note 9)	Actual	Actual
Revenues:			
General Revenue Fund transfer (Note 4)	$ 3,520,000	$ 3,300,796	$ 3,340,645
Field permits and leases	168,000	181,784	167,394
Interest	247,000	151,319	209,834
Other revenue	20,000	78,167	42,618
	3,955,000	3,712,066	3,760,491
Expenses:			
ıife habitat projects (Schedule 1)	1,053,000	1,081,722	1,024,991
ısh enhancement projects (Schedule 1)	1,340,000	1,322,869	963,603
Grants-in-lieu of taxes (Note 6)	230,000	264,086	213,763
	2,623,000	2,668,677	2,202,357
Excess of revenues over expenses	$ 1,332,000	$ 1,043,389	$ 1,558,134

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2002				2001
	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Net assets:					
Balance, beginning of year	$ 15,400,722	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,299,163	$ 19,699,885	$ 18,098,451
Excess of revenues over expenses	(22,290)	—	1,065,679	1,043,389	1,558,134
Donated land	—	—	—	—	43,300
Net investment in capital assets	819,181	—	(819,181)	—	—
Balance, end of year (to Statement 1)	$ 16,197,613	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,545,661	$ 20,743,274	$ 19,699,885

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2002	2001
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from General Revenue Fund transfer	$ 3,245,108	$ 3,339,999
Receipts from field permits and leases	238,500	209,864
Interest received	151,319	209,834
Payments to grant recipients	(121,800)	(119,000)
Payments to municipalities	(264,086)	(213,763)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,193,739)	(1,859,563)
	1,055,302	1,567,371
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	9,000	—
Purchase of capital assets	(847,552)	(997,593)
	(838,552)	(997,593)
Net increase in cash	216,750	569,778
Due from General Revenue Fund, beginning of year	4,302,576	3,732,798
Due from General Revenue Fund, end of year	$ 4,519,326	$ 4,302,576

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2002

1. Purpose of the Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of Section 20 of *The Natural Resources Act*. The Fund was established for the purposes of preventing the reduction of wildlife habitat and wildlife population in the agricultural area of the province and for fish enhancement projects intended to prevent the loss of fish or fish habitat. The Department of Environment and Resource Management (now called the Department of Environment) administers the Fund.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared using Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations. The following accounting policies are considered significant:

a) Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization commences in the year of acquisition and is provided on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life. Annual rates for equipment are from 5% to 33%.

Donated land is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution as a direct increase in net assets.

The Fund entered into agreements with other conservation agencies for the joint acquisition of land for wildlife related purposes. Land jointly owned is recorded at cost at the date title is transferred to both parties. Note 5 discloses separately the Fund's cost of the jointly owned land.

b) Grant Expenses

Grant expenses are recognized when grants are approved and the recipient has met eligibility criteria.

c) Revenue

The transfer from the General Revenue Fund is recognized when certain hunting and fishing licenses are issued.

Field permit and lease revenue is recognized when the permit is issued or the lease payment is due.

3. Due From General Revenue Fund

The Fund's money is on deposit with the General Revenue Fund (GRF) and in a bank account included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Fund's earned interest is calculated and paid by the GRF on a quarterly basis to the Fund using the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Fund's average daily account balance. The Government's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 2001/02 is 3.41% (2000/01 – 5.59%).

4. Revenue - General Revenue Fund

The annual transfer from the General Revenue Fund has been set by Order in Council 526/95 as an amount equivalent to 30% of certain hunting and fishing licence fees collected by the Department of Environment and Resource Management. A receivable is recorded for the portion of the revenue not received before the year-end that relates to the annual licence fees. Included in the accounts receivable at March 31, 2002 is $143,163 (2001 - $87,475) receivable from the General Revenue Fund.

5. Capital Assets

	2002			2001
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	$ 14,136,096	$ ---	$ 14,136,096	$ 13,809,972
Land – joint ownership	1,968,524	---	1,968,524	1,529,674
Equipment	523,400	430,407	92,993	61,076
	$ 16,628,020	$ 430,407	$ 16,197,613	$ 15,400,722

6. Internally Restricted Net Assets - Municipal Habitat Conservation

Internally restricted net assets were established to compensate rural municipalities for taxes forgone on lands acquired by the Fund for wildlife habitat conservation purposes. The interest earned on this amount is reported in the unrestricted fund and is used to assist in paying rural municipalities grants-in-lieu of taxes on Fund lands located within their boundaries.

7. Commitments

The Fund's wildlife habitat and fish enhancement project commitments at year end, are as follows:

2002-03	$ 117,750
2003-04	55,000
2004-05	50,000
2005-06	---
2006-07	---
Total	$ 222,750

8. Financial Instruments

The Fund' s financial instruments include due from General Revenue Fund, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

The Fund is exposed to credit risk from the potential default of customers. However, the majority of the Fund's receivables are from other government agencies and reputable long-term corporate clients, therefore, the credit risk is minimal.

9. Budget

The Budget for the Fund is included with the Department of Environment and Resource Management's budget submission to Treasury Board. Treasury Board approves the Fund's budget annually.

10. Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include transactions with related parties. The Fund is related to all Saskatchewan Crown agencies such as departments, corporations, boards, and commissions under the common control of the Government of Saskatchewan. Also, the Fund is related to non-Crown enterprises that the Government jointly owns or significantly influences.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are recorded at agreed upon rates and are settled on normal trade terms. These transactions, at year end, are as follows:

	2002	2001
Expenses:		
Contractual services	$ 285,491	$ 26,579
Supplies and materials	6,485	3,348
Grants	66,200	95,000
CVA Rentals	136,313	137,410
Utilities	65,977	61,416
Telephone	1,162	898

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to/from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes.

The Fund pays Provincial Sales tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

In accordance with established government policy, the Fund has not been charged with certain costs including occupancy, financing, and certain administrative costs. These costs have been absorbed by various departmental appropriations and, therefore, no provision for such costs is reflected in these financial statements.

11. Comparative Information

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with the current year's financial statement presentation.

Schedule 1

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
For the Year Ended March 31

	2002				2001
	Budget	Wildlife Habitat Projects	Fish Enhancement Projects	Total	Total
Salaries	$ 1,300,000	$ 386,597	$ 675,208	$ 1,061,805	$ 1,055,628
Contractual services	470,000	474,383	286,285	760,668	377,020
Supplies and materials	175,000	36,244	97,152	133,396	152,347
Grants	30,000	99,800	22,000	121,800	119,000
CVA Rentals	140,000	59,565	76,748	136,313	123,520
Travel expenses	70,000	21,730	67,472	89,202	57,027
Utilities	70,000	---	65,977	65,977	56,677
Amortization	25,000	2,166	20,124	22,290	20,674
Telephone	7,000	352	1,303	1,655	1,778
Communications	55,000	885	10,600	11,485	23,973
Habitat leases	51,000	---	---	---	950
	$ 2,393,000	$ 1,081,722	$ 1,322,869	$ 2,404,591	$ 1,988,594

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

LIST OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 2002

2001-02 FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Personal Services (Salaries & expenses):		
Arneson, David John	$	50,762
Ashdown, Bradley A.		44,293
Baldock, Shawn		44,488
Balicki, Brady S.		6,561
Banks, Gerald		63,286
Bast, Marcy		28,314
Beek, Fred L.		49,355
Beveridge, Edward D.		30,719
Blixrud, Floyd M.		48,496
Coomber, Nancy L.		32,899
Deobald, Bre		9,474
Gibbens, Shelley R.		8,139
Greif, Genevieve		38,142
Hildebrand, Dorlin		22,957
Hlasny, Ron		18,962
Joerissen, Rochelle M.		44,040
Koob, Murray Michael		47,003
Kostiuk, Lee J.		8,533
Krahn, Nathan L.		7,754
Kraska, Virna L.		26,251
Krawetz, Michael J.		6,615
Leahy, Laura		8,364
Matts, Jason L.		10,160
McGuire, Collin R.		29,312
Melville, Jonathan K.		6,328
Mitchell, Gregory		48,730
Nicholls, Lizabeth		8,916
Olson, Conrad H.		54,414
Phillips, Ronald W.		26,845
Plamondon, Gilbert F.		9,339
Rosen, Patrick		41,358
Rumancik, John A.		43,068
Salamon, John P.		46,160
Schock, Benjamin C.		4,998
Scott, Kenneth A.		24,299
Scyrup, Shalla D.		5,394
Sluchinski, Elaine M.		19,631
Smith, Christine G.		5,737
Switzer, Janna M.		6,482
Wilchuck, Donna		9,869
Young, Allen		58,209
Young, Perry C.		16,978
Payments under $2,500		167,920
		1,289,554

Supplier Payments:		
Balfour Moss Management Services		608,940
Bradley & Lane		20,000
Dilschneider Trenching & Excavating		34,720
Halkewycz Law Office-Barrister Sol. & Notary Public in Trust		46,800
Henley Boat Manufacturing		21,196
Highways Revolving Fund		125,594
McDougall Gauley In Trust		40,000
Nature Conservancy of Canada		74,857
Nature Saskatchewan		32,117
Saskatchewan Association of Firearm Education		79,250
Saskatchewan Research Council		59,000
Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation		163,073
SaskPower Corporation		50,401
Transwest Air		28,575
Willows Tulloch & Howe Barristers & Solicitors		26,000
Payments under $20,000		541,254
		1,951,777
Grants:		
Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities		252,079
Grants under $5,000		2,762
		254,841
TOTAL	$	3,496,172